



Trans-Lake Washington Project

Input from Community Design Workshops and Open Houses

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Public Involvement Activities

- Postcards mailed
- Community briefings
- Community calendars
- Hotline and website
- Articles in community group publications



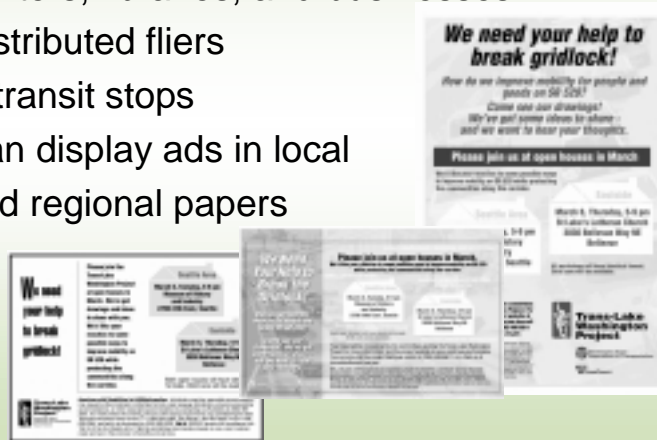
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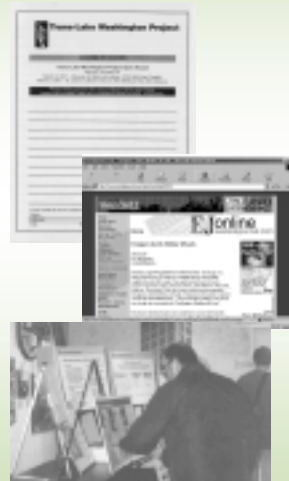
Public Involvement Activities cont'd

- Distributed posters and postcards to community centers, libraries, and businesses
- Distributed fliers at transit stops
- Ran display ads in local and regional papers



What Happened at the Open Houses

- 185 attendees at the Seattle open house
- 110 attendees at the Eastside open house
- Childcare provided
- 128 written comments received
- Media coverage before and at the open houses





Information Provided

- General project information – schedule, alternatives, decision-makers
- Drawings depicting
 - urban design concepts
 - conceptual traffic movements at interchanges
 - HCT routes



What We Heard from Seattle

- Lessen traffic in residential areas: Montlake Blvd, Lake WA Blvd, Portage Bay Viaduct, and Hamlin/Shelby areas (consider tunnel under Portage Bay)
- Add a lid and extend it further east; lid I-5
- Add bicycle lanes
- Consider no action
- Implement TDM strategies and land use strategies and implement mass transit
- Mitigate noise, especially at the Portage Bay viaduct, Montlake areas, and on I-5
- Preserve residential properties
- Preserve parks, wetlands, and open space (Arboretum)
- Connect bicycle/pedestrian paths
- Put HCT on SR 520 and/or I-90
- Coordinate improvements with I-5
- Add HOV or mass transit lanes
- Involve communities in land-use decisions





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What We Heard From the Eastside

- Extend lid to Bellevue Way NE
- Mitigate noise and air pollution impacts
- Preserve parks, wetlands, and open spaces
- Improve bus service
- Add HCT on SR 520
- Research noise impacts
- Add bicycle facilities and incentives for use
- Coordinate improvements with I-5 and I-405
- Build a third bridge



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What We Heard from the Community Design Workshops – Montlake

- Local traffic circulation is a significant issue; varying opinions on how to address it
- Interest in maintaining local access as is today and potentially focusing freeway access in locations other than Montlake Boulevard
- Reiterated taking of residential property is unacceptable to the community
- Lids were an attractive option for mitigating noise impacts and reconnecting the community
- Preference continues to be for open space and bicycle/pedestrian paths





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What We Heard from the Community Design Workshops – Portage Bay, Roanoke, Eastlake, North Capitol Hill

- Impact from cut-through traffic is a significant concern and solutions that improve local traffic circulation and access were generally favored
- Concern was raised about the tunnel connecting to the Eastlake/Fairview area – traffic, noise, and neighborhood disruption
- Lids were an attractive feature for reconnecting the community; interest in both open space and residential development
- Balance transportation improvements with impacts on the community



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What We Heard from the Community Design Workshops – West of Lake to I-405

- Community is interested in lids from the lake to Bellevue Way or I-405. Concerned that other options will not address noise impacts, community connectivity, and other impacts
- Significant concerns were raised about Park and Ride lots and/or transit access in the community due to bringing additional traffic into a residential community
- Interest in focusing freeway access at the Bellevue Way interchange





What We Heard from the Community Design Workshops – I-405 to SR 202

- Continued interest in improving access north-south across and to SR 520 from I-405 to 148th while recognizing potential impacts on the neighborhoods
- Strong interest in maintaining, improving, and adding to existing bicycle/pedestrian trails
- Transit access is important; participants liked concept of Park and Ride lots or transit access over the corridor
- Participants were mixed in ways to address noise mitigation by building development along corridor or constructing noise walls



What Happens Next

Ongoing Efforts: Public Information Materials, Community Briefings

